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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. AARON, 11, & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C.; GEORGE STREIT & Co., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTON, London Circus, E.C.; HARRIS & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C.; SAMUEL DEACON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street, W.M. WILKS, 151, Cannon Street, R.C. ROBERT WATSON, 15, Fleet Street, PARIS AND EUROPE.—ADELINE PRINCE, 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.
NEW YORK.—J. STEWART HATTER, THE CHINESE EVANGELIST OFFICE, 62, West 22nd Street.
SAN FRANCISCO AND AMERICAN PORTS generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTON, Melbourne and Sydney.
CEYLON.—W.M. SMITH & CO., THE SOUTHERN CO., Colombo.
SINGAPORE, SLEATTS, &c.—SAVAGE & CO., Singapore.
CHINA.—MARIO F. DE CRUZ, S. S. FOOTHILL, HABOB & CO., Shanghai; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.
2.—Sums less than \$1 or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
3.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
4.—Interest at the rate of 5% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
5.—Each depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked On Hongkong Savings Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$4,600,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS, \$7,500,000

COUNT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman, H. L. DALYMPLE, Esq.
Deputy Chairman, S. MOSES, Esq.
T. P. DAVIES, Esq., H. A. P. McDowell,
W. H. PARKER, Esq., S. O. MICHAELSEN,
W. HOPKINS, Esq.,
Hon. J. R. KENNICK, J. L. ROMEISCHER, Esq.,
Alex. McCUTCHEON, D. R. SASSOON, Esq., Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER,
Hongkong, G. E. NOBLE, Esq.
MANAGER,
Shanghai, JOHN WALTER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG. INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
6 " 4 per cent. "
12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Deposits granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 3, 1890. 363

Intimations.

SOCIÉTÉ FRANÇAISE DES MOUILLERIES DE TOURANE.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby informed that the Second Ordinary MEETING will take place at HAIPHONG, on the 5th May, 1890.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

THE EAST BORNEO PLANTING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given to Holders of Shares in the above Company on which Calls are still unpaid, that unless said Calls with INTEREST at the Rate of 12% per Annum, from the due dates are PAID on or before the 15th DAY OF MAY next at the Company's Offices, 6, Ice House Lane, the Shares in respect of which such Calls were made will be liable to be forfeited, and under the Provisions of Article X Sub-section VIII of the Articles of Association, the Board will issue the necessary Resolutions for the forfeiture of the said Shares.

GIBB LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 28, 1890. 704

Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

A BONUS OF TWENTY PER CENT. UPON Contributions for the year 1890 has This Day been declared.

NOTICES may be had on application at the above OFFICE on and after the 1st PROXIMO.

JARDINE, MATHEWS & Co., General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED, Hongkong, April 16, 1890. 714

HONGKONG HOTEL.

NOTICE.

M R. and Mrs. TUCKER (from the ADELPHI HOTEL, Liverpool), have been appointed MANAGER and MATRON of the Hotel from this date.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. LYALL,
Secretary.

Hongkong April 29, 1890. 807

PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the PEAK HOTEL & TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED, will NOT, on or after the 1st day of MAY, 1890, BE ANSWERABLE for PAY ANY DEBTS or ACCOUNTS, unless the orders for the supplies be signed by the Secretary to the Company for the time being.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. WHEELLEY,
Secretary.

Dated 21st April, 1890. 744

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that a SPECIAL OR EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of this Company will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 31st day of MAY next, at Noon, for the purpose of considering, and if approved, of passing the following Resolutions:—

1.—That the Capital of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be increased from \$7,500,000 to \$10,000,000 by the creation of 20,000 New Shares of \$250 each, to be issued at the price of £2 10s. Eastern Shareholders to pay for their allotments the current rate of the day for Demand Bills on London.

2.—That the said New Shares be in the first instance, in such manner as the Directors shall prescribe for that purpose, offered to the Shareholders in the proportion of one New Share for every three Shares of which on the 31st May, 1890, they shall respectively be the Registered Holders, and that any New Shares not accepted by the Shareholders within the time limited by the Directors for that purpose, be disposed of and sold by the Directors in such manner and at such times as in their discretion they shall think best for the interest of the Company.

3.—That payment of the sum of £2 10s. per share for each of the said New Shares be made as follows, viz.: £10 12s. 6d. on the 30th of June, 1890 £10 12s. 6d. " 30th, Sept., " £10 12s. 6d. " 31st, Dec., " £10 12s. 6d. " 31st, March, 1891

4.—That the Directors issue to Shareholders holding shares not a multiple of Three a Fractional certificate in respect of each share in excess of or below such multiple, and allow one new share to every person who shall produce three such Fractional Certificates on or before the 30th June, 1890, and pay the first instalment in respect thereof.

5.—That after payment of the first instalment and pending payment of the future instalments, Scrip Certificates in such form as the Directors may determine shall be issued in respect of such New Shares, entitling the Holders to the remaining instalments, and subject to such other terms as to approval, date for lodging Scrip Certificates, and otherwise as the Directors may prescribe, as well as by the Holders of the Shares to be issued by such Scrip Certificate respectively.

6.—That interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum (free of income tax) be allowed out of the profits of the Company on all instalments paid in advance of the dates when the same become due and that from the 30th June, 1890, Holders of Scrip Certificates be entitled to participate in future dividends, in proportion to the amount of instalments paid up, on an equality with the other Shareholders of the Company.

7.—That interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum be charged on every instalment which shall not be punctually paid, and be paid with such instalments.

8.—That all monies received from premiums on the said New Shares be added to the Reserve Fund.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
WADE GARDNER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 8, 1890. 655

SUMMER TIME TABLE.

(To take effect from 1st May.)

WEEK DAYS.

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. every quarter of an hour.
12 noon " 1 p.m. " half hour.
1 p.m. " 2 p.m. " half hour.
4 p.m. " 8 p.m. " quarter of an hour.

THURSDAYS.

CHURCH TRAMS at 10.40 a.m.

12 noon " 2 p.m. every quarter of an hour.
4 p.m. " 8 p.m. " half hour.
8 p.m. " 10.30 p.m. " 11 p.m.

Special CARS may be obtained on application to the Superintendent.

Single Tickets are sold in the Cars: Five-Cent Coupons and Return Tickets at the Office.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, April 20, 1890. 709

Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

NOTIFICATION.

H. B. M. LEGATION,

Peking, April 3rd, 1890.

In virtue of the authority vested in him by the China and Japan Maritime Order in Council, 1874, the Undersigned hereby notifies that he has appointed Mr. J. H. COOMBS to be Surveyor at the Port of Amoy under the Provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts.

JOHN WALSHAM,
H. B. M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
in China.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE KWON KWAN YEEN CHAL-

LENCE CUPS.

THE SECOND STAGE

OF THE COMPETITION

will take

place on SATURDAY, 3RD MAY,

at 2.30 p.m. Firing to commence at 700 Yards. Distance 50, 800 and 900 Yards.

Fifteen Shots at each.

C. VIVIAN LADDIS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, April 28, 1890. 795

MARINE HOTEL,

HONGKONG.

THE Undersigned begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, that he will OPEN THE MARINE HOTEL, on or about the 1st MAY.

T H I S F I R S T - C L A S S H O T E L

is situated on the Point, West, opposite the Old P. & O. Wharf, and is newly built after the designs of the Largest European HOTELS—in BEDROOMS, BATH-ROOMS, &c., are commodious, well ventilated and well furnished, and are suitable for Single or Married Persons. The DINING ROOM is large and looks on the Harbour.

Nautical experience, though advantageous, is not a necessary qualification. Applying, stating Salary and living References, to

J. A. BARRETTO,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 26, 1890. 786

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MARINE HOTEL,

THE CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.

GARRISON THEATRE,
HONGKONG.

MILITARY NUMBERS.
WOODCOCK'S LITTLE GAME,
A Farce Comedy by J. MADISON MORTON,
will be given by the above
TO-MORROW (SATURDAY),
3rd May, 1890.

To be followed by the Farces
'AREA BELLE' and 'BROTHER BILL
AND ME.'

Doors open at 8.30. To commence at 9 p.m.
Punkahs will be provided.

Tickets—Reserved Seats, \$1 (numbered);
First Seats 50 cents, can be obtained of
Superintendent Clerk J. C. WATSON,
Commissioner Buildings,
Hongkong, May 2, 1890.

(LATE THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COY., LTD.)

Business Notices.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LTD.

(LATE THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COY., LTD.)

SPECIAL SHOW.

Summer Goods

FOR LADIES' & CHILDREN'S WEAR, including:—A Splendid Variety of NEW ZEPHYRS, W. SHING SILKS, PRINTS, NOV. VEILINGS, &c., in all the most Fashionable Patterns and Shades. NEW FANCY GOODS of every description just to hand.

NOTE.—By S.S. Glenysie, We shall receive a large Stock of FASHIONABLE MILLINERY from Paris, both TRIMMED and UNTRIMMED, and the LATEST NOVELTIES FOR SUMMER SEASON.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LTD.

(LATE THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COY., LTD.)

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Bremen & Ports of Call	Byron (e).	Norddeutscher Lloyd	May 7, at 4 p.m.
Kobé	Manmuri (e).	Russell & Co.	May 3, at 3 p.m.
London & Ports of Call	Thaum (e).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	May 15, at 12 m.
Oswak (e).	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		About May 13.
Manila, via Amoy	Diamante (e).	Russell & Co.	May 8, at 4 p.m.
Marsella, &c., v. Saigon	Yong-tang (e).	Meusserius Maritime	May 8, at noon.
New York	Patagonia (e).	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
Port Darwin, &c.	Sinan (e).	Butterfield & Swire	May 8, at daylight.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	William H. Macy (e).	Pacific Mail, S. S. Co.	May 1, at 1 p.m.
Shanghai via Swatow, Taisang (e).	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Russell & Co.	May 22, at 1 p.m.
S. Francisco	William H. Macy (e).	Carroll, W. & Co.	May 3, at noon.
Shanghai via Swatow, Taisang (e).	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Russell & Co.	May 6, at noon.
Shore, Haar, & H.burg	Wingang (e).	Siemsen & Co.	May 7, at 3 p.m.
Shore, Penang & C'ntal	Polymyrmis (e).	Siemsen & Co.	May 12, at 10 a.m.
Shatow, Amoy & T'au Formosa (e).	St. Eustacius (e).	Douglas Lippak & Co.	May 4, at daylight.
Swatow, Sp're & T'au Formosa (e).	Fat Hong.	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	May 4, at 9 a.m.
Tentian via Swatow, Choyasang (e).	Choyasang (e).	Adamson, Bell & Co.	May 15, at noon.
Vancouver (B.C.), & Parthia (e).	Sorichia Maru (e).	Adamson, Bell & Co.	May 17, at daylight.
Yokohama	Yokohama, N'ki & Kobo Verona (e).	P. & O. N. Co.	

DEPARTURES.

May 2 —		POST OFFICE NOTICES.	
Triumph, for Ghioo.		MAILS will close:	
Patroclus, for Singapore and London.		For NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VANCOUVER, B.C.—	
China, for Saigon.		Per Parthia, at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday,	
Frei, for Holloway and Pakhoi.		the 15th inst.	
Caton, for Singapore and London.		For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	
Taichon, for Newchawng.		Per Verona, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 16th inst.	

CLEARED.

Monmouthshire, for Nagasaki.		MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.	
		The United States Mail Packet City of Peking will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 1st M.Y., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—	
		0.15 p.m.—Registry closes.	
		0.30 p.m.—Post-Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet, with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage, until the time of departure.	
		MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—	
		To, British Contract Packet Thames will be despatched on THURSDAY,	

ARRIVED.

Per Diadem, from Manila, Mr and Mrs Schadenberg and child, Mr G. H. Powell, and 68 Chinese.		MAILED.	
		Per China, for Saigon, 12 Chinese.	
		Per Frei, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.	
		Per Thaum, for Amoy, 200 Chinese.	
		Per Patroclus, for London: from Shanghai, Mrs. Hawley and daughters, Miss Hawley, and 2 children; Messrs. Gibbons and Wilson; from Swatow, Vice-Governor Wilkinson, Mrs. Wilkinson, and child, and children.	
		Per Captain, for London: from Hongkong, Messrs. H. G. Powell and A. C. Stewart; Mrs. Lewis and 3 children, and Mr. Ghoeting; from Shanghai, Mr. Lambert.	
		To, LIEUTENANT.	
		Per Monmouthshire, for Nagasaki, 2 European.	

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Edendale* reports: Left Nagasaki April 29th, a 1 p.m., had light variable winds and thick weather up to Lamson's Island; from thence to port, had strong N.E. winds and dull hazy weather. Arrived in Hongkong, at 7 p.m., May 1st.

The British steamer *Diamond* reports: To lat. 2° N., light variable winds and showery weather; thence to port, strong N.E. wind, and high sea with rain.

The French man-of-war *Zigzag* reports: Fine to foggy weather.

For MONDAY, the 12th Instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEGMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 2, 1890.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary General REGISTER of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the HONGKONG DISPENSARY on MONDAY, the 12th Instant, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1889.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 6th Inst., to WEDNESDAY, the 14th Inst., both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

T. H. TALBOT, Secretary.

Hongkong, May 2, 1890.

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DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED, CHEMISTS.

OUR Plant comprises the latest improvements, and is one of the most complete and efficient ever shipped from England.

The Purity of the water is certified by analysis.

The construction of the machinery and system of manufacture in force ensures cleanliness and absence of all contamination in the finished waters.

The quality of the Soda Water is equal to that of the best English makers.

The Flavour of the syruped waters is equal to any produced in England or abroad.

Soda and Aerated Water supplied in Bombay sized bottles only, unless the ordinary size is specially ordered.

Cosmopolitan Order carefully packed and despatched by first steamer after receipt of order.

TELEPHONE NO. 67.

NO. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 1, 1890.—Eddendale, British steamer, 1,566 R. p.m., Coal.

ADAMSON, Bell & Co.

N. S. de Lorda, Spanish steamer, 530.

D. Juan Alpina, Dolo April 26, Sugar.

BAN MOH & Co.

May 2.—Diamond, British steamer, 514. G. Taylor, Manila April 29, General Russell & Co.

Aspin, French man-of-war, 470, Captain Maloport, Haiphong April 28.

Anton, German steamer, 771, T. A. Reina, Seign April 27, Rice.—A. G. Morris.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

REGISTRY closes at 2.30 p.m.

The Mail classes at 3.30 p.m. Correspondence may be posted on board until time of departure.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—The French Contract Packet, Yangtze will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 8th May, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and places beyond, via Batavia, Borneo, Sumatra, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, &c., &c.

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MAIL

An interesting object was found the other day, we read in the *Yochi Shinshu*. By the workmen engaged, under the orders of the municipality of Tokyo, in dredging the portion of the Kamejima River which runs past Kamejima-cho and Keyabacho. It was an image of Shoden in pure gold, about 13 inches high, enclosed in a red lacquer shrine, the whole wrapped in broad—*Japan Art*.

An evening contemporary is responsible for the following, which may interest some of our readers who are on the eve of a christening ceremony.—The Rev. R. W. L. Tolomeo-Tollemach, J.P., rector of South Wytham, near Grantham, has been twice married, and has a family of 13 children, no, between them own about 150 Christian names. What is more, hardly a name in any name of the church is given in order, but for the most part it is of medieval and chivalry, or the names of Boudices. Here is a specimen of them:

“Lyulian Yawalo Odin Nestor Egbert Luron Toedding Hugh Erolvaine Saxon Esra Crowsell Orna Nerill Dyant Plantagenet, born 1876.

“Malib Helmington Ethel Huntigton Bearicio Blazeburie Evangeline Vise de Lou de Orellana Plantagenet Toedding Saxon, born 1872.

“Lyonee Deelin Veronica Eayth Undine Cyza Ryde Rowena Adela Thylra Ursula Isabel Blanice Lilius Dyant Plantagenet, born 1879.”—*Inverness Courier*.

LARGE FIRE IN BONHAM STRAND.

FIVE MEN SERIOUSLY INJURED.

About 1.30 this morning fire broke out in the first floor of the premises No. 68, Bonham Strand West, a three-story building occupied by Kwong Ping Chow, general merchant.

The fire had made considerable headway before the alarm was given, and as there was a high wind the flames spread rapidly to the adjoining property, although the Fire Brigade was promptly at work, with the advantage of being able to get water from the harbour. One of the men employed in the premises was the first to make the discovery that the place was on fire. He was sleeping on the ground floor, and he states that having been awakened about half-past one he found that the first floor was in flames. Nobody had been sleeping on the first floor. The master of the shop, it is said, usually has his bed there, but on this occasion it appears he was not in the place at all. The rest of the inmates were on the upper floors. There were about thirty employees sleeping in the place, and as the fire had made considerable progress before the alarm was given, those in the upper floors had great difficulty in escaping, there being no means of getting on the roof, and five of them were severely injured by jumping from the third story. One man had his ankle completely smashed, and all of them had to be picked up from the street and sent to the Civil Hospital at once. Before the fire was extinguished it had spread to and destroyed other two similar houses, Nos. 70 and 72. The origin of the fire is as yet a mystery, and an inquiry will be held. The place in which the fire broke out was insured for \$41,000, divided as follows:—North German Fire Insurance Co. (Messrs Melchers & Co., agents), \$16,000; Lubec Fire Insurance Co. (Messrs Schellhass & Co., agents), \$10,000; and the General Life and Fire Assurance Co. (Messrs Reuter Bredemann & Co., agents), \$15,000.

MEETING OF THE SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon. There were present: Hon. Samuel Brown (Pro tem), Major-General Gordon, Hon. Oberst Chadwick, Hon. N. Mitchell-Innes, Dr Ayres, Messrs Francis, Wong, Shing, and Mr H. McCullum, Sanitary Superintendent.

THE DRAINAGE OF THE UPPER DISTRICTS.

A letter was read from the Colonial Secretary, stating that the scheme as recommended by the Board will be carried into effect for the subsoil and main drainage of the upper districts, provided no financial impairment occur; and that in accordance with the recommendation of the Board no steps will be taken to stop earth-cutting.

ANOTHER SLAUGHTER-HOUSE.

Another letter from the Colonial Secretary stated that a site had been selected for a new slaughter-house near the Ropewalks.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR.

This document which had been circulated was laid on the table.

A minute by Mr Francis described the report as a very valuable one, but not a report of the year's work of the Board and its officers, nor such a report as he thought—with all respect to their excellencies—ought to have.

A minute by the President said it would be interesting if Mr McCallum would prepare a statement of the death-rate of Hongkong compared with other cities similarly circumstanced, and added the opinion that if this were done the rate of Hongkong would be found comparatively low.

There was also the following minute by Mr Mitchell-Innes.—The Chinese world—Mr Francis had a satisfaction and system under which they could have old drains constructed and maintained (for say, five years) by Government, and, however, such was necessary. They complained at first, perhaps in some cases with justice, in most, probably, without expense and difficulty caused by varying demands and insufficient explanation; and I have, under the usual Asiatic manner, to soften the hearts of the overseers etc., with presents. This is the temptation to which these men should not be unnecessarily exposed. The minute referring to the multiplication of street hawkers and their continued nuisance, and advocated a reduction of the number of licences from 2,000 to 1,500, and that a number of police should be told off for the special duty of looking after them. He also advocated a more effective supervision over the sale of vegetables, fowls, meat &c.

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Mr Francis thought the increase of these illegal places for the sale of such articles was simply the result of the utterly inadequate market accommodation. Mr Mitchell-Innes said there were as many as fifty vacant stalls in markets in the Colony.

Mr Wong Shing said that was not in the Central district.

Major-General Gordon, referring to Mr Mitchell-Innes' suggestion as to placing hawkers under the supervision of a number of special police, said that force was far too small to cope with its ordinary work and men could not be set aside specially for this work. If it were to be made a special work let me do the application for the police to be placed under the direction of the Royal General. He had taken some trouble to see that unlicensed hawkers were “run in,” but there was little use in this if the cases were to be tried as one was the other day, when the case of a man who pleaded guilty to unlicensed hawking was dismissed by the Magistrate.

The President, with regard to Mr Mitchell-Innes' suggestion for the construction and maintenance of private drains by Government, said this would require so large a staff that there was very little chance of the Government authorising a sufficient number for the purpose. Moreover there would be very little inducement to householders to exercise reasonable care in regard to the drains.

Mr Chadwick approved of the suggestion as regards the construction of the drains, but not as regards maintenance.

Mr Francis agreed with Mr Chadwick that the new drains for private houses should be constructed by the Government; but he did not think they ought to undertake the maintenance for any party.

In connection with this question he again drew attention to the fact that the time of the Sanitary Surveyor of the Board was largely taken up in the work of inspecting drains.

It was impossible for him to superintend a tenth part of the work, which might be liable to temptation. Hawkers were necessary in such a place as Hongkong. To set apart a few men to look after them would lead to worse evils than existed. It was an easy matter to bribe a few men, but difficult to bribe the whole police force. As to markets there might be 50 stalls vacant in places where they were not immediately wanted, but in the densely populated part of the city where they were wanted there was not a single stall to be had.

The Chairman said he quite agreed with Mr Francis that, if an inadequate staff were provided, it would be better if the construction of private drains were carried out by the Government.

On the motion of Mr Francis, the Sanitary Superintendent's report was ordered to be printed.

BELLIOS TERRACE.

Mr Francis drew attention to an inspection of all the houses in this district and asked the reason therefor.

The Sanitary Superintendent said that two complaints were received from house-holders, and from what was observed it was deemed advisable that the whole terrace should be inspected.

Mr Francis said the Sanitary Board had no power to make an inspection unless a definite actual nuisance was complained of. They could not examine houses on suspicion. If they wanted to do so they must get power.

CHINAHILL PARK.

This trivial (Mr Price's monument) was discussed at some length by the Board.

In a minute on the subject Mr Humphreys said that the place seemed to be used as a coolie house and rest. He had seen men sitting there after the laps of an hour. It ought to be removed to a place where it was less an eyesore.

Mr Chadwick said the nuisance was mainly a question of maintenance. More ornate were required.

The Registrar General and Dr Ayres also spoke of the hardships arising from the scarcity of land, the latter becoming more prominent on the subject.

It was suggested that the trivial should be put on the other side of the path near Queen's Road, also that it should be set higher up the hill at the back of the ice house. Finally the following resolution was come to (the Registrar General objecting).—That the trivial should be closed when another equally accessible has been provided in the immediate neighbourhood.

THE WATER BILL.

The report of the Committee appointed to consider this Bill was laid on the table, together with the amended ordinance.

Mr Chadwick moved that the report be adopted and forwarded to the Government with the amended ordinance.

Mr Francis seconded.

The Chairman said he objected to two of the amendments. First, with regard to the definition of the Water Authority. He thought it was much better to leave the original bill, as it did, the appointment of the Water Authority in the hands of the Government. Second, as regards the appointment of the 3 per cent.

That was a matter that must rest in the hands of the Government, and I am also advised that the police should be told off for the special duty of looking after them.

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